

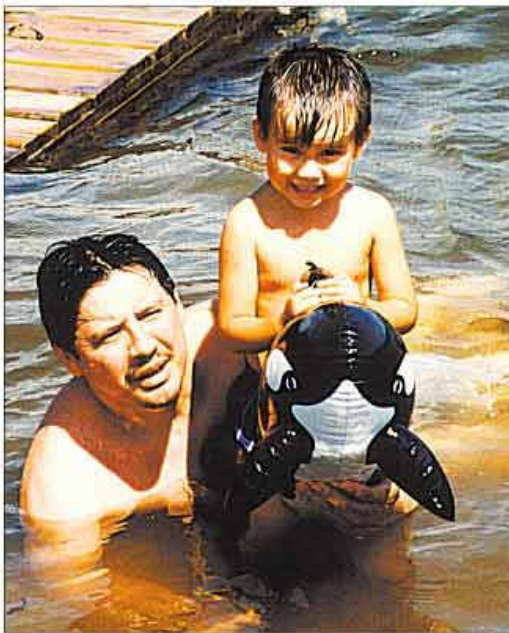


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Swirling Summer fun



Y. Kaquatosh/MNN

FAMILY AFFAIR—Rachel Beauprey and Bruce Dickenson, Sr. took advantage of the wonderful weather Wednesday afternoon to spend some quality time with their children, 3 year-old Bruce Dickenson, Jr. and 6 year-old Trista. Above, father and son waded along the shoreline at Wah-toh-sah beach in Keshena.

Meeting left many questions unanswered

By Liona Tucker
Menominee Nation News

The weather was the most pleasant surprise during a meeting that was held downtown. The temperature ranged about in the mid 60's, but the heated arguments that began this meeting had temperatures rising much higher.

Louis Dixon, who claimed to be one of the assistant coordinators for the meeting, managed to get a crowd of 30 "fellow Menominees" to attend. Dixon would not provide the names of the others whom he says he works with.

As the crowd moved closer in to be able to hear more clearly, Dixon began to read from an agenda that included the following issues: Tribal Legislatures are out of hand. \$\$\$, violations of the "oath of office," violations of the "Menominee Code of Ethics," a call for an immediate general council, discuss possible recall's, judgement funds, Kenosha project and other pertinent issues.

There were many interruptions from a small group, as Dixon tried to explain how the meeting would

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Pee Wee Social to benefit children, parents

By Yvonne M. Kaquatosh
Menominee Nation News

Preparing your child for Pre-school and Kindergarten can be very difficult if the child isn't ready for change.

To make a difficult transition easier a "Pee Wee Social" for 3-6 year olds, will be held on Tuesday, July 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Menominee Tribal School in Neopit.

The social will begin with dinner being served from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. and will follow with volunteers demonstrating easy simple games

parents and preschoolers can play together. Each of the games or stories will assist children in school readiness skills as well as provide an opportunity for parents to spend some quality time with their children.

The social, spearheaded by the Menominee Community School Readiness Committee, is the first of its kind to be implemented in the Menominee community.

In their mission statement, the committee focused on "promoting

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Menominee Nation News recognized

The Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) recently held their 16th Annual Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The Menominee Nation News was recognized in four separate categories at the annual Awards ceremony held on Friday, June 16th.

In the *Best News* category, Yvonne Kaquatosh received Honorable Mention for a front page story published in the November 4, 1999 issue of the Menominee Nation News. Paul Natonabah, of the Navajo Times, in Window Rock, Arizona, took first place honors. Former reporter, Mike Wilber received Honorable Mention for *Best Historical Perspective of Indigenous People*. Mike did an excellent piece on the history of the sturgeon feast in correlation with the Menominee people, entitled,

'Return of Sturgeon still a cause for celebration'.

John Mohawk, Native Americas, received first place honors.

Menominee Nation News was also recognized for *Best Picture Page* in the Photography & Graphics/Print category. The award went to Yvonne Kaquatosh for a piece she put together on Kiddie Crime Stoppers last Fall.

And for the second time in the last five years, the Menominee Nation News received Honorable Mention for *General Excellence* (twice-a-month). MNN was previously bestowed with this honor in 1995.

News From Indian Country, another native publication based in

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run. After many loud outbursts, many of the elders became very upset and some people even walked away. The meeting went on like this for approximately 30 minutes and those who disagreed with the actions of Dixon left, walking away to the applause of the elders and other attendants.

Many questions were asked and points were brought up from the agenda, neither of which Dixon could answer completely and did not seem to have any real proof to substantiate any of the allegations he pointed out.

Although most of the meeting continued on with no real answers coming from Dixon, the group did decide to circulate a petition that would call for an immediate general council. The Menominee Nation News will keep you posted with any new developments.

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the education, awareness and growth of the Menominee community in ways that will enhance the physical, social, intellectual and cultural development of our young children."

One way the committee hopes to accomplish that goal is by assisting parents to add to their repertoire of games and activities for their preschoolers to help them succeed in school. "It's important for children to learn to ask questions, to tell stories, to have stories told or read to them, to increase their counting skills, and to be able to identify shapes, colors, and letters," said Jeanne Connors, Family Living Educator for UW-Extension and School Readiness Committee Coordinator.

Many games and activities that will help to teach these skills are common household items, explained Connors. "Sometimes families need to be assisted in finding these kinds of games and activities in their homes," she added.

The School Readiness Committee is a statewide initiative which consists of members from the UW-Extension, Family Preservation and Support, WIC, the Tribal Clinic, the Menominee School District, and others. "These members are dedicated to the committee's mission to make the PeeWee Social a great success and a fun time for everyone," said Connors.

Connors indicated that this is an ongoing project. Additional plans being discussed by the committee are to focus on 7-11 year olds.

For more information, feel free to contact Jeanne Connors at 799-4654.

NAJA AWARDS 2000

Wisconsin was awarded the top honor in General Excellence, twice-a-month. Other Print and Electronic winners and their respective categories are as follows:

Individual Nonnative Awards

Radio Best Feature - Tricia King

Print Best Feature - Honorable Mention: Wil Phinney, Confederated Umatilla Journal

Print Best Feature - First Place - Bill Weinberg, Native Americas

Print Best News - Honorable Mention: Scott Csernyik, Tribal Observer;

Print Best News - First Place - James Rainey, LA Times

Individual Awards-Radio

Best Ongoing Radio Program - First Place - Bernadette Chato KTNN

Best Radio News Feature - Honorable Mention - Michael Tymchuck CBC

Best Radio News Feature - First Place - Paul Demain/Lori Townsend - WOJB

Best Radio News Story - First Place - Bernadette Chato KTNN

Best Overall Radio - News Reporting - First Place - Bernadette Chato KTNN

Television/Video

Best TV Sports Story - First Place - Mary Kim Titla 'Begay Still Proud'

Best TV News Story - First Place - Gary Fife - 'Inhalant Abuse'

Best TV Feature Story - First Place - Patty Loew - "Beyond the Boatlanding"

Photography & Graphics/PrintBest Photographer-Newspaper - Mary Annette Pember

Best Photo Editing - Catherine Whipple, The Circle

Best Pictorial - Donovan Quintero, News from Indian Country

Best Feature/Multiple Pictures - Honorable Mention: Mary Ann Hendricks

Best Feature/Multiple Pictures - Mary Annette Pember, Indian Country Today'

Best Feature/Single Picture – Honorable Mention - Paul Natonabah

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Best Sports - Honorable Mention: Terry Long Fox

Best Sports - Paul Natonabah, Navajo Times

Print

Best Coverage of Tribal Government - Bonnie Red Elk, Wotanin Wowapi

Best Illustration - Honorable Mention - Catherine Whipple/Jack Ahasteen

Best Illustration - Patrick Rolo, The Circle

Best Editorial Cartoon - Honorable Mention - Steve Skunkcap

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Best Cartoon - Carl Terry, Navajo Times

Best Sports Writing - Honorable Mention - Oree Foster

Best Sports Writing-Tom Arviso Jr.

Best Column Writing in a Nonnative Publication - Honorable Mention: Deborah Locke Noah Augustine

Best Column Writing in a Nonnative Publication - Doug Cuthand, Leader Post

Best Column Writing in a Native Publication - Honorable Mention: Lindsey Cote

Best Column Writing in a Native Publication - Kenneth Deer, Eastern Door

Best News/Feature Writing, 1-6 times a year - Honorable Mention: Alex Ewen, Native Americas

Best News/Feature Writing, 1-6 times a year - Valerie-Taliman, Native Americas

Best Feature Writing, twice-a-month - Honorable Mention: Brian Wright-McLeod/ Brent Merrill

Best Feature Writing twice-a-month - Richard LaCourse Yakima Nation Review

Best News/Feature Writing - weekly - Honorable Mention: Valerie Taliman Indian Country Today

Best News/Feature Writing weekly - Marley Shebala Navajo Times

Best News/Feature Writing, dailies

Honorable Mention - Zach Maxwell, Lufkin Daily News - Paula Peters, Cape Cod News

Best News/Feature Writing dailies - Matt Kelley, LA Times

Best News/Feature, monthlies - Kim Wensaut, The Circle

Layout & Design - Best Layout & Design-Magazine - Honorable Mention

National Museum of the American Indian - Best Layout & Design-Magazine -Native Americas

Best Layout & Design-tabloid - Honorable Mention - Confederated Umatilla Journal

Best Layout & Design-Tabloid - The Circle

Best Layout & Design-Broadsheet - Navajo Times

General Excellence - Best Website - Honorable Mention - Sho-Ban News

General Excellence - Best Website - Native Americas

General Excellence-Newsprint, 1-6 times a year - Honorable Mention: Delaware Indian News

General Excellence-Newsprint , 1-6 times a year - New Voices

General Excellence-Magazines, 1-6 times a year - Native Americas/Tribal College Journal

General Excellence monthlies - Honorable Mention: Fort Belknap Community Newspaper -
General Excellence (monthlies)

Confederated Umatilla Journal - General Excellence, weeklies

Honorable Mention: The Navajo Times

General Excellence weeklies - Sho-Ban News

Results were unavailable for the Phoenix Award, Columbus Award, Wassaja Award, and Elias
Boudinot Award.